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TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF PAO BARBARA HUTCHISON

REF: A) SANTO DOMINGO 3959 B) CARACAS 9614 C) STATE 213642

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1. IN CALL ONF FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL JOHN RAPHAEL  
F. 1730 SEP 27, I INFORMED HIM OF CONTENTS REFTEL A.

2. HE CONFIRMED OUR INFOATION AND THAT GIVEN REFTEL B, ADDING  
FOLLOWING DETAILS:

A) VENEZUELAN CONSULATE TAKEN OVER BY 23 ARMED TERRORISTS,  
WHO BROUGHT PAO BARBARA HUTCHISON WITH THEM.

B) CAPTIVES SO FAR HAVE NOT BEEN MISTREATED.

C) GUERRILLAS CLAIM CONSULATE BUILDING HAS BEEN MINED AND  
WILL BE BLOWN UP IF DEMANDS NOT MET BY DEADLINE.

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D) VENEZUELAN CHARGE (WHO HAS REPORTED TO RAPHAEL THREE

TIMES TODAY BY TELEPHONE) IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR HURWITCH AND BOTH WERE TO SEE PRESIDENT BALAQUER. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NO REPORT AS YET ON THIS MEETING.

E) MEXICAN AMBASSADOR IN SANTO DOMINGO REPORTEDLY SEEKING TO ORGANIZE SOME FELLOW DIPLOMATS TO SERVE AS MEDIATORS.

3. I INFORMED RAPHAEL OF US POLICY AS SET FORTH REFTEL C. RAPHAEL SAID GOV HAD SIMILAR CRITERIA WITH RESPECT TO WORKING FOR SAFE RETURN OF HOSTAGES AND COLLABORATION WITH GDR. HE SAID THAT SO FAR AS GOV CONCERNED QUESTION OF RANSOM HAD NOT COME UP AND WAS NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE NOTE MENTIONING SANTO DOMINGO AND HAGUE INCIDENTS AND URGING GOV TO SIGN CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS (REFTEL D).

5. RAPHAEL SAID HIS PERSONAL OPINION WAS THAT UNDER VENEZUELAN-CUBAN ANTI HI-JACKING AGREEMENT, TERRORISTS COULD NOT ESCAPE TO CUBA USING VENEZUELAN HOSTAGES.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ON APPLICATION OF US-CUBAN ANTI-HIJACKING AGREEMENT TO THIS CASE.  
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